



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

*THE
SOUTH'S
PREMIER
DX CLUB*

October 2005

**Next meeting: October 25th 7:30 PM
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom
at Piedmont Hospital.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

--Wes Lamboley, W3WL

I am just back from attending the first annual SEDCO (SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization) get-together in Pigeon Forge, TN. The day started for me with the 4-hour drive from Roswell to Sevierville and the Ten-Tec hamvention held on the factory grounds. There was a factory tour for any who wanted to go, and everything was free, including the flea market. I would guess there were about 1000 hams who showed up. The factory tour was interesting, but much too short. I would have liked to have seen some performance testing or something in motion, but everything was static, and there was not much that you could see of interest due to the real work areas being cordoned off. The flea market consisted mostly of boiler plate, much of which was starting to show a good bit of rust. Just to show you how bad it was, I did not buy anything. I did brag about not buying anything to Bev, my wife, as she always expects me to bring something home and is always relieved when I don't.

Next I went on to Pigeon Forge and the SEDCO conference. There were some really good presentations on contesting and DXing given at the conference, highlighted of course with yours truly doing my bit on FT5XO. Another definite plus was our own Bob Allphin's presentation on the 2006 version of Peter One. Bob gave his usual polished and informative talk, and I was very happy to see all the signs of a truly great expedition in the making. Bob and the team have made significant strides toward overcoming the disappointment of this year, and now have a full team poised and ready. Bob and George, N4GRN, will be telling us about the status of Peter One at this month's meeting, and I strongly urge you to be there. I

personally guarantee you will be interested!

I slept in our camper van the night of the conference (saved myself \$80.00), and was up and on US 441 heading south before dawn. I always find it beautiful driving in the Smokies when they are still wrapped in the morning mist, and there are no other cars or people around. I greeted the sunrise at Newfound Gap and went for a short hike on the Appalachian Trail – it crosses 441 at the Gap. I got home about 4 hours later, just in time to help our grandson celebrate his second birthday! Not a bad weekend.

CU at the meeting!

Best,

Wes – Whiskey 3 Whiskey Lemur

FROM THE VP

-Al Ludwick, N4ZZK, VP

I hope you got K7C if you needed it. I had to go out of town the week after they activated and was sure glad to get them on Sunday. My QSO was confirmed as number 806 according to the real time web program DXA. It sounds like DXA has some challenges but the idea is neat.

Due to travel, I missed the meeting last month but heard the program was outstanding. Chaz W4GKF and Dave K4SSU recounted their Navassa Island DXpeditions - 1972 and 1978

Speaking of programs — We still have one month open, June. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, you are missing some great programs. Catch a meeting and then let me know what you can share or stop by the club table at the Alford Hamfest to discuss. See the SEDXC web page for some ideas.

Remember the subject of your program can be just about anything of interest. Here are some ideas:
- Antennas, rigs or anything technical

- Dxpeditions, planned or past
- Bring a guest speaker from another club or visiting ham

October Program

Peter I Preparations for 2006!

Yes, they spent much of 2004 getting ready for their assault on Peter I in Jan/Feb 2005 but as everyone knows, logistical problems delayed the DXpedition to Jan/Feb 2006. Have they just been sitting around waiting for winter? NOOOOOO!

Hope to see you at the meeting.

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MINUTES FOR 9/27/2005

George Nicholson, N4GRN, Sec

Minutes submitted by Jim Kauten, W4TE in the absence of George Nicholson, N4GRN.

Wes, W3WL, called the meeting to order. Introductions commenced. There were no new members but 20 regular members were present. Last meeting's minutes were approved as published.

Treasure's report—see bulletin per Harry, W4KJ.

Activities Manager report—John, N4TOL passed out a signup sheet for volunteers for the SEDXC table at the Alford Memorial Radio Club Hamfest to be held November 5 & 6 at the Lawrenceville-Gwinnett County Fairgrounds.

There was no Cluster report, no Outgoing QSL/Checking report, and no Membership Chairman report as these members were not present.

Announcements—Don, N4HH has his 5th Yaesu FT1000 MK V for sale. Jim, K4DLI is looking for a 6-meter rig to borrow and was successful at the meeting. Guy, W4GBU met BA3RB in China, who may have the opportunity to operate at Scarborough Reef. He will receive an email of a definite time. Bob, W2WG stated his appreciation to Bob Allphin's (K4UEE) son who is a P.E. who signed off on the engineering plan on W2WG's tower. Bill, N4NX and

his xyl are touring Turkey for 6 weeks. Their travels can be followed at: <http://www.n4nx.com/eurasia>.

Old Business—the P5 donation was tabled until Bob, K4UEE could be present to update us on the details.

New Business—John, W4NU and his xyl have volunteered to host the SEDXC 2005 Christmas party. Many thanks to John and his wife. The date will be announced soon.

Break/Raffle. The Club made \$43.00 from the raffle. Thanks to Gary, WB4SQ and Dave, K4SSU for their generous donation of raffle items! There were five items donated.

Program—A very interesting and informative program was presented by Chaz, W4GKF and Dave, K4SSU. They presented their experience with individual Dxpeditions to Navassa. Chaz went in 1972 with 9 other hams. Eight of the participants were SEDXC members. Dave went in 1978 with a group of hams from Missouri. Old time photos and old time radios were a sight to see. The hats worn were a sight to behold. Wish we could have been there.

The meeting was adjourned and “eyeball” QSO's commenced

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

The club will be sponsoring a table at the Lawrenceville hamfest on Saturday, November 5th at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. We have had a great response of volunteers to man the club table. This is the largest hamfest of the year in the metro area and the club has had great success with exposure and recruiting at this show.

At this month's meeting I would like to get some suggestions and discuss some ideas as to how we can take greater advantage of our presence at the hamfest. All are welcome to help at the table and represent our fine organization. Please let me know if you are interested.

73 – John N4TOL, Activities
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TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's report for the month of October:

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| SEDXC Treasury | \$3880.38 |
| Packet Fund | \$ 360.15 |
| Total Balance | \$4240.53 |

Now that the dues renewal season is pretty well wrapped up, we have a chance to focus on other ways to grow our treasury. We always like to add new members and that is good for lots of reasons. Most of all it helps bring the SEDXC to more DX'ers and helps us support DX with a bigger presence.

You will be interested to know that now that we have established our monthly raffle, we have been taking in \$20 to \$40 each month into the Club's Treasury. That is the equivalent to adding 2 or 3 new members each month in terms of income. That helps us fund DX'peditions, DX related issues, our Holiday Party and numerous other things that help promote the SEDXC and DX. So a big thanks to all the members who have been generous enough to bring in raffle items for the monthly meetings. If you haven't yet brought anything in for the raffle, this is the month to start. Let's spread the fun around! See you at the meeting.

See you at the meeting.

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer
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CQWW CW AND SSB

MORE DX PER MHz

YOU CAN WORK DXCC

IN A WEEKEND

NO EXCUSES!

DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XXM, editor

I always make a habit of looking out at the antenna farm every once in awhile. Noticed a few days ago that my A-3 tribander was a A-2! Found the director on the ground, all hardware intact but obviously loose. It simply vibrated off the end on the boom. One problem of stainless steel hardware is working loose. Now I have to lower the antenna using ropes, etc. to reattach the element back on. I did check the SWR and it's not too bad. Used it this way in the JARTS RTTY contest last weekend. Still beats a vertical!

Speaking of RTTY, I worked two new countries on RTTY during the contest. I have around 33 confirmed at ARRL with another 36 in the LOTW waiting for me to spend the \$\$\$. I am hoping enough people will submit logs (especially contest stations) that I can get the RTTY DXCC without any more cards. That would leave me with only 160 and 6 M for DXCC in the HF bands. I currently have no 6M gear so that will have to wait.

I have seen on-line that my DXCC application received 7/5/05 was just processed (It was mailed right after the June meeting after Bill, N4NX, checked the cards, thanks Bill!) Still have not received the packet with the goodies yet. This submission also put me over the next Challenge level (1501). Have another 44 Challenge points waiting to be cashed in. The listings are updated daily so you can track your progress. If you are not using LOTW, you are missing a lot!

CQWW SSB is coming up very soon. Always check out the bands a few day before and after the contest. Many times, they are on WARC bands or CW and much easier to work. DXPeditions for contests are usually good QSL'ers and many are using LOTW to cut down on the QSL chore. For CQWW CW, I will be out of town. Since it falls on Thanksgiving weekend, mom comes first. If I get back soon enough on Sunday, I may be able to grab a few Q's. Upper bands close quickly if they even open at all. Check frequently. Good luck in the contest. Most of all, have fun!!

CU in the pileups...

- Rick, N4XXM

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DX PACKET FREQ. (Corrections, 1/2/04)

N4XXM (2400) 144.91 (direct, Vinings),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ATLDX)
KS4Q (2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw3'
(2400) 145.63 MHz; 'c saw4'
(1200) 145.69 MHz; 'c saw5'

Once you get a connect on any of the three above frequencies, enter 'c saw1'. Once you get a connect to saw1, enter 'c ks4q' or simply 'dx'.
or telnet dx.ks4q.net

NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)
147.195+

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